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The initial RSG maps may be irrelevant at this point, but the spirit behind the design of each of them remains a key player in the MLPA process. I urge you to support the spirit behind the workgroup 2, which emphasizes preserving the ability of the citizens of California to have reasonable access to the coastline for fishing. WG2's maps also gave many concessions that will ensure healthy marine ecosystems for years to come.

The spirit of the other maps comes purely from an anti-fishing, extremely partisan perspective. WG2, in other words, was the only bipartisan solution to the MLPA process. Though the RSG maps are now a thing of the past, I sincerely press on you the the long term economic, ecological, and administrative importance of choosing a bipartisan solution. Otherwise, this process will have dire unintended consequences, both in the form of economic devastation, as well as years of lawsuits directed at various sources from all the different interest groups in an effort to balance the tables.

On a personal note, I would like to add that the draconian closures implied by WG1 and WG3 are out of character with what I grew up with California being a symbol for - freedom, simplicity, and the ultimate promise of pioneering and the frontier. For sure things have changed since those days, and the state is more populated and complex now, but if taken down the road of the extremists, California's identity will fundamentally change, and not, I fear, for the better.

Thank you.

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